Appointment to widows on compassionate ground in PNB

4256. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of applications for employment on compasionate ground from the widows whose husbands died in harness that have been received by the Head Office of Punjab National Bank at New Delhi during the past one year;

(b) whether it is a fact that no action has yet been taken on these applications;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the PNB has not yet settled the last dues of these employees who died in harness nor have these been made to their widows; and

(d) if so, the facts and reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The position as reported by Punjab National Bank is as under:—

(1)	(2)	(3)
(a) and (b) :		
No. of cases received *from* 1-7-91 to 30-6-92		131
No. of cases decided		129
No. of cases involving relaxation and referred to Ministry for their permission		3
No. of cases under correspondence for want of certain information		8
TOTAL		131

Thus necessary action have been taken in all the cases received by the bank for providing employment on compassionate grounds.

(c) and (d) It is not correct that PNB has not yet settled the last dues of the deceased employees. However, there have been some delays in settlement if dues owing to the following reasons:

1. Non availability of nomination/confirmation of legal heirs/succession certificate.

2. Non-availability of apprehended loss caused to the bank in the case of employees ,who were allegedly involved in fradulent activities and the departmental action could not be completed due to their sudden death.

Appointment of Sweepers in Banks

4257. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services of Sweepers in Banks are of consolidated/part-time nature in maximum cases and if so, whether it is feasible to absorb them on full time basis deploying additional job: